

REMEDATION AND REDEVELOPMENT (RR) NEWS FROM WISCONSIN DNR October 7, 2004

SOUTHEAST REGION CONSULTANT DAY REMINDER

Don't forget to register for our Southeast Region's **October 28** Consultant Day if you are an environmental consultant working in the southeast part of the state. The agenda and registration form are on our calendar at

<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/general/calendar.htm#10>.

SAG RULE REVISIONS TAKE EFFECT

Revisions to the Brownfields Site Assessment Grant Program, ch. NR 168, Wis. Adm. Code, became effective on October 1, 2004. These rules describe grant requirements and the application scoring system that will be used for the 6th round of SAG awards. Applications for the 6th round must be postmarked by **November 12**, 2004. Changes were made to the rule in order to:

- be consistent with statutory changes that took effect after the program was created;
- provide more flexibility to applicants and to DNR in administering the program; and
- modify the scoring system to place greater weight on community and environmental factors and less weight on the financial contribution of the applicant.

For more information, please see the grant application instructions at

<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/archives/pubs/RR678.pdf>. The revised rule is on the web at <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/rsb/code/nr/nr168.pdf>. Background information, such as public comments, is at http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/wi_regs/index.htm#database. Local governments, consultants, and others who have questions about the rule may contact Michael Prager at 608-261-4927 or Michael.Prager@dnr.state.wi.us, or Dan Kolberg at 608-267-7500 or Dan.Kolberg@dnr.state.wi.us.

EXTENDED COMMENT PERIOD FOR ALL APPROPRIATE INQUIRY RULE

The September 29th "RR News from DNR" summarized how the proposed federal code for "All Appropriate Inquiry" differs from current Phase 1 & 2 practices for environmental site assessments. http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/general/listserve/04/09_29_04.pdf. EPA has extended their public comment period on the Standards and Practices for All Appropriate Inquiries to **November 30**, 2004. Please see <http://www.epa.gov/swerosps/bf/regneg.htm> for the proposed rule and information on how to submit comments.

DECEMBER DEADLINE - 1ST STEP IN LAND RECYCLING LOAN PROGRAM

Communities interested in applying to DNR's Land Recycling Loan program are reminded that an "Intent to Apply" must be filed by **December 31**, 2004. This program provides low cost loans to local governments to remediate landfills and other sites where contamination has affected or threatens to affect groundwater or surface water. Redevelopment and housing authorities are also eligible to apply. The interest rate is 0% plus a .5% servicing fee, and the loan period is 20 years. Local governments must secure their loan with a general obligation pledge. More information about land recycling loans is at: <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/caer/cfa/EL/Section/brownfield.html>.

NEW CONTACTS FOR SPILLS TEAM & DRY CLEANER REIMBURSEMENT

The RR Program now has interim leaders for our Spills Team and our Dry Cleaner Environmental Reimbursement Fund (DERF). These roles were left vacant when Robin

Schmidt took a new job at the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. The current contact people are:

- Roxanne Chronert, the spills coordinator in DNR's Northeast Region, is our acting Spills Team Leader. Roxanne can be reached at 920-492-5592 or at Roxanne.Chronert@dnr.state.wi.us.
- Terry Evanson, hydrogeologist in Madison, is our acting Dry Cleaner program contact. Terry can be reached at 608-266-0941 or at Theresa.Evanson@dnr.state.wi.us.

GIS REGISTRY REMINDERS

For case closure requests at sites that will be included in the GIS Registry of Closed Remediation Sites, please remember:

- Printed maps must be no larger than 8.5 by 11 inches, as required by NR 716.05(3)(a). DNR is not able to scan larger maps. Larger maps may only be submitted electronically. Procedures for electronic submittals are on the web at <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/archives/pubs/RR690.pdf>.
- Please do not include combined soil and groundwater data if only one exceeds standards and will be included in the Registry. This causes delays as we remove the excess information. You can use the GIS Checklist to confirm the information you should include with your GIS submittal. It's on the web at <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/archives/pubs/RR688.pdf>.

ON LINE FACTS ABOUT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Over 12,000 Wisconsin facilities report hazardous waste, air emissions, and wastewater data to DNR as part of their operating approvals. Information from 1996 through 2002 is now available through DNR's on-line "Fact System" at <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cea/fact/>. The public can use the Fact System to find out about permits, licenses, emissions, wastes and releases based on information that has been reported by businesses and governmental units.

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